

TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Wastewater Treatment Plant July 25, 2019

Attendees:

John Anderson, Ken Boynton, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney and Andrew Tedford. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2019

Mr. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Hart made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the June 27, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis reported that two pre-construction meetings took place and were attended by representatives from Tighe & Bond, Methuen Construction, D.E.E.P. and town staff. During the first week of August, a construction schedule will be provided to Methuen and office trailers will be set up he said. Also, a groundbreaking ceremony is planned for mid-September and a sign indicating that the upgrade is a Clean Water Fund Project must be erected before the start of construction.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and water quality looks good. He updated the Authority on various processes, maintenance, and equipment matters. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority on current activities that included: a draft Developers Permit was sent to the attorney representing Garden Barn; and the new crane truck is still undergoing retrofitting at Hartford Truck. Regarding the changes to the Miscellaneous General Permit, Mr. Grasis said that at the last meeting at MDC, DEEP was asked to remove municipal responsibilities from the permit, and to edit the permit to make it Notification only to POTW's from industrial dischargers. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Grasis to notify the owner of 56 Talcottville Road regarding his request presented at the last meeting.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal said that the October 1st billing process has started. He reported that mortgage service companies have been contacted for ten sewer user accounts. The total balance due on those accounts is about \$40,000 he said.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SEWER USE CHARGES, AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

Mr. Daskal spoke to a rate history detail and answered questions from the Authority. The proposed rates are: a minimum usage rate of \$60.50 to include the first 10,000 gallons of metered usage; each additional thousand (1000) gallons of usage, or portion thereof, will be charged \$5.75; septage rate of \$75.00 per 1000 gallons; and a flat rate of \$146.75 per six months of usage would be charged for users on wells.

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. on August 8, 2019, in the Conference Room at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 100 Windsorville Road, Vernon, CT so that citizens may be heard concerning a proposed schedule of user charges, establishing collection and disposal of sewage as a service of special benefit nature, and establishing user charges for the collection and disposal of sewage within the Town of Vernon. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kearney, made a motion to schedule a special meeting, immediately following the public hearing on August 8th. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Water Pollution Control